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**36.(Currently Amended)** A composition for treating ~~rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis and post surgical irrigation of nasal passage ways~~ which essentially consisting of;

- A.** about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,
- B.** water, and
- C.** a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

**37.(Previously Presented)** The composition of claim 36 which is a nasal spray formulation.

**38.(Currently Amended)** A method for treating ~~rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis and post surgical irrigation of nasal passage ways~~ which comprises administering into the nasal passageway a composition essentially consisting of;

- A.** about 1 to 5% by weight of Dead Sea salts essentially free of organic impurities and having a mineral content comprising about 31-35% magnesium halide, about 24-26% potassium halide, about 4-8% sodium halide and about 0.4-0.6% calcium halide,
- B.** water, and
- C.** a suitable buffer to provide a pH of about 6.5 to 7.5.

**39.(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 38 wherein epistaxis is treated.

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**42.(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 38 wherein the composition provides post surgical irrigation.

**43.(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 38 wherein the composition is sprayed into the nasal passageway.

**44.(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 38 wherein said composition comprises about 0.5 to 5 grams per liter of said mineral content.